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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

TO THINK ABOUT NAVAL VISITS. SUCH VISITS, IF  
CAREFULLY REGULATED, COULD BE HELPFUL TO EGYPT.  
I SAID I WAS INTERESTED IN HIS VIEWS, BUT FELT WE HAD  
TO KNOW WHETHER THE PRESIDENT AGREES. TWO DAYS AGO  
FAHMY VOLUNTEERED TO ME THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER  
WITH THE PRESIDENT, WHO AGREED WITH FAHMY'S VIEW.

4. FAHMY THEN SUGGESTED THAT, WHILE WE SHOULD NOT  
RPT NOT SCHEDULE NAVAL VISITS ON A STRICT TIMETABLE  
BASIS, WE MIGHT SEND A US NAVAL VESSEL TO ALEXANDRIA  
ONCE EVERY TWO OR THREE MONTHS. WITH THE PRESIDENT'S  
APPROVAL, HE HAD SPOKEN TO GAMASY ABOUT THIS AND  
GAMASY HAD UNDERTAKEN TO SO INFORM ZIKRY. IF WE WISH  
TO MAKE SUCH ARRANGEMENTS, WE WERE FREE TO DO SO  
UTILIZING NORMAL GOE NAVAL VISIT REQUEST PROCEDURES.

5. RECOMMENDATION: INASMUCH AS THE POLITICAL SITUATION  
HAS CHANGED SINCE APRIL, 1974 AND THE EGYPTIANS  
THEMSELVES SEEM TO BELIEVE THAT OCCASIONAL NAVAL VISITS  
MIGHT BE HELPFUL, YOU MAY WISH TO RECONSIDER THE  
PREVIOUSLY STIPULATED POLICY AND ALLOW SUCH OCCASIONAL  
NAVAL VISITS. I HAVE SAID NOTHING TO THE US NAVY ABOUT  
THIS PENDING YOUR VIEWS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT I CAN  
CONTROL THE NUMBER FROM HERE AND LIMIT IT OT, SAY,  
FOUR OR FIVE A YEAR BY WORKING WITH FAHMY, GAMASY  
AND ZIKRY ON THIS MATTER. EVERY SUCH VISIT REQUIRES  
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CHIEF OF MISSION'S ADVANCE APPROVAL BEFORE REQUEST  
IS EVEN MADE TO GOE. SUCH VISITS MIGHT EVEN BE  
HELPFUL WITH CONGRESS IF EGYPT IS KNOWN TO BE EXTENDING  
OCCASIONAL HOSPITALITY TO SIXTH FLEET VESSELS AND

PERSONNEL. IF YOU APPROVE, I WOULD PROPOSE TO  
COMMUNICATE WITH CINCUSNAVEUR TO LAY DOWN THE GUIDE-  
LINES ON NUMBERS, PREIODICITY AND PROCEDURES FOR SUCH  
LIMITED NAVAL VISITS. I HAVE FOUND ADMIRAL BAGLEY AND HIS  
PREDECESSORS UNDERSTANDING AND HELPPFUL IN WORKING WITH THE  
EMBASSY ON OPERATIONS INVOLVING PAST EGYPTIAN-US NAVAL  
COOPERATION AND AM SURE HE WILL COMPLY. PLEASE LET ME  
HAVE YOUR VIEWS.

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